

A Cultural Tour Recipe (cont.)

Day 3 - Holland & Frankenmuth, Michigan

Morning

Step back in time while sampling Dutch treats during a themed driving tour of Historic Holland. A visit to Dutch Village, a re-creation of a quaint turn-of-the-century Netherlands village, is followed by a traditional Dutch lunch.

Mid-Afternoon

Arrive in Frankenmuth - Michigan's Little Bavaria. Tour the Black Forest Brau Keller and explore the beer brewing process and Frankenmuth's rich beer brewing history.

Evening

Visit the Bavarian Inn Restaurant for pretzel rolling, a traditional German meal and the well-loved tale of the Pied Piper of Hamlen. Round out your evening with the Bavarian Belle Riverboat tour and a stroll along Main Street's 100 shops and attractions.

Day 4 - Frankenmuth & Mackinaw City, Michigan

Morning

Enjoy a one-hour tour with a costumed German guide and a visit to the historic St. Lorenze Lutheran Church. Don gloves and aprons as you learn the art of sausage stuffing. Afterwards, tour the shimmering lights and sparkling ornaments of Bronner's CHRISTmas Village, the largest of its kind in the world. Satisfy your appetite with a world-renowned chicken dinner at Zehnder's Restaurant as you prepare for your departure to Mackinaw City.

Evening

Arrive in Mackinaw City to experience the French and Colonial connections in this waterfront community. Enjoy a dinner featuring the local favorite, whitefish. Caught and prepared fresh daily, this Mackinaw staple is prepared in over 20 different and delicious ways. For desert, visit one of the town's famed fudge shops as you catch the "Northern Lights" Laser Light Show.

Day 5 - Mackinac Island, Michigan

Morning

Experience breathtaking views from the ferry to Mackinac Island, the jewel of the northern Michigan shore. Since motor vehicles are prohibited on the island, you will experience its historic beauty via a tour-guided carriage tour and self-guided walking tours. Step into the 1880's at our next stop, Fort Mackinac, followed by tea at the world-famous Grand Hotel.

Afternoon

Enjoy your choice of Mackinac's Islands fine restaurants and time on your own to explore the island. The day concludes with a visit to the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse.

Day 6 - Mackinaw City, Michigan

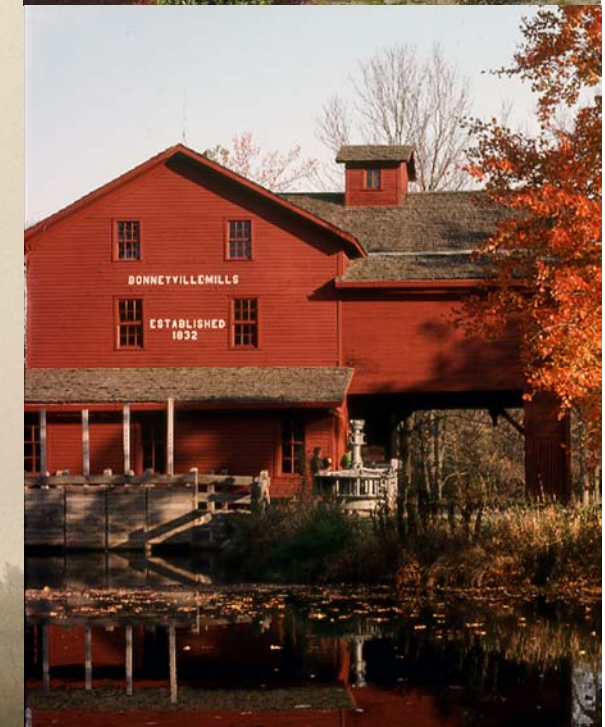
Morning

Tour Colonial Mackinaw at a 16th-century fort and fur-trading outpost featuring re-enactments and costumed villagers. Visit the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum, a ship that braved Midwestern winters for over six decades. Conclude your morning with a visit to the Mackinaw Pastie & Cookie Company, a local favorite of 42 years.

AmishCountry

NORTHERN INDIANA

2007-2008 GROUP ITINERARIES





Quilting Legacy

Two Days/One Night

Highlights

Hands-on quilting demonstration, antique quilt trunk show, interaction with local quilters
Shopping for quilting and sewing supplies at local specialty shops
NEW! Guided Brown Bag Tour to Amish owned countryside shops
Threshers Dinner and a performance at the Amish Acres Round Barn Theatre
An inspirational presentation by an Amish woman who shares stories of her life

Day 1 - Middlebury

Afternoon

Begin your customized Amish Country itinerary at Das Dutchman Essenhaus with a wedge of homemade pie, coffee and an inspirational presentation. Meet Ruth, an Amish woman who has authored two spiritual books inspired by her own life. She'll share life stories, poetry and answer questions about the Amish culture. Next, craft a souvenir project and get tips from an expert instructor in a hands-on quilting demonstration at The Quilt Shop in the Essenhaus Village Shops.

Late Afternoon

The art of quilting is known the world over and there's no better place to experience this art than at the prestigious Quilt Designs, located at the Old Bag Factory. Shop owners Dave and Shirley Shenk welcome groups on a guided tour, revealing the artistry in each of their unique handmade creations. A stroll through the Old Bag Factory provides the opportunity to visit several studio shops, where artisans such as potters and furniture makers demonstrate their trades.

Evening

After a long day it's time to take in another great Amish tradition - the food! Settle into the hand hewn restaurant barn at Amish Acres for the famous Threshers Dinner. Diners enjoy iron kettles of bean soup along with platters of chicken, ham, beef and turkey plus other savory Amish fare. Desserts include the prized Shoofly pie. The evening concludes with a one-of-a-kind musical theatre experience in the Amish Acres Round Barn Theatre, national home to "Plain and Fancy," originally shown on Broadway in 1955.

Day 2 - Shipshewana & Middlebury

Morning

Good morning Amish Country! Enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel before checking out for a busy day of shopping. Shipshewana's quaint downtown features more than 95 specialty shops in picturesque turn-of-the-century storefronts. At Lolly's Quilt Shop, browse thousands of fabric bolts and locally made quilts and wallhangings. Don't miss Yoder's Department Store, known for its large selection of fabric and quilting and sewing supplies. The famous Jojos Pretzels serves up a hand-rolled treat fresh from the oven. As lunch time draws near, head off to a nearby Amish homestead for a traditional meal and an antique quilt trunk show by local quilt historian Rebecca Haarer.

Afternoon

The trip's final adventure awaits, as a step-on guide boards the coach for the Brown Bag Tour of Amish Country. Visit the Amish owned shops that dot the countryside, where families take pride in their work and tell the story behind their craft. Customize the trip by choosing several stops such as a quilt shop, a buggy shop, an Amish cheese factory or a local popcorn factory. Each group member receives a brown bag and a special gift at each stop. The Brown Bag Tour experience is sure to provide special memories for years to come!



A Cultural Tour Recipe

Five Days/Four Nights

Highlights

Two states, four premier group destinations, countless culinary adventures!
Amish Country of Northern Indiana serves up savory meals and delectable deserts
Dutch culture and cuisine combine in historic Holland, Michigan
Michigan's "Little Bavaria," welcomes you with beer brewing, pretzel rolling and authentic German fare
The French and Colonial flavors and scenic beauty of Michigan's famed Mackinac Island provide the perfect finish

Day 1 - Amish Country

Afternoon

Take a seat at the famed Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury, Indiana and enjoy a traditional family-style Amish meal followed by your choice of 29 varieties of home baked pie. Learn Amish cooking tips and techniques, enjoy locally-focused food demonstrations and get a behind-the-scenes look at Indiana's largest restaurant. Visit Bonneyville Mill, the state's oldest operating gristmill and view the process of flour making as it's been done for over 150 years.

Evening (choose one of the following)

Enjoy a truly unique experience with the Yoder family as they share the culture, history, and folklore of the Amish people along with cooking tips and techniques. Following the cooking class, the Yoder's serve a traditional family-style meal.

Experience Amish Acres, an 80-acre heritage resort packed with activities including shopping, theatre and guided tours. Learn firsthand the secrets to baking "The Best" Shoofly pie (as picked by the *Chicago Tribune*) in a class hosted by Old Order Amish Bakery Manager Frieda Miller. While your pie bakes enjoy the famous Thresher's Dinner served in the hand-hewn Restaurant Barn. Then enjoy the professional cast of *Plain and Fancy*, the musical of Amish life and love, in the Round Barn Theatre.

Day 2 - Amish Country & Holland, Michigan

Morning (choose one of the following)

Don't miss the grand opening year of the spectacular American Countryside Farmers Market, one of the largest of its kind in the Midwest. Brimming with cooking demonstrations, specialized classes, show kitchens and unique programs, the market will feature a wide selection of fresh produce, Amish crafted products and ethnic fare.

Historic Goshen, one of Indiana's charming small towns, hosts two unique food experiences: "Herb 101," at Prairie Trail Herb Farm, offers creative tips on growing and using these fresh flavorings. A visit to Sunrise Orchard supplies tips on apple varieties, planting and pruning and cider processing.

Mid-Afternoon

Arrive in Holland, Michigan, for a taste of Dutch culture. Stroll through Wind Mill Island featuring parks, gardens and De Zwaan, a 240-year-old windmill surrounded by unique Dutch architecture.

Evening

A savory evening meal is followed by *Windmill Sails and Miller's Tales*, as told by a Netherlands-born craftsman and storyteller. After dinner activities may include a stroll in Holland's State Park to view the historic Big Red Lighthouse set against a magnificent sunset on Lake Michigan.

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Indiana's Hidden Treasures (cont.)

Day 3 - Shipshewana (cont.)

Afternoon

Satisfy your curiosity about the history and heritage of the Amish and Mennonite people among the interactive exhibits and colorful displays at Menno-Hof. The farm house and red barn that house the museum and information center were built by local craftsmen during an old-fashioned barn raising. Your next stop, Yoder's Department Store, has been a center of local trade since the 1940s. Take time to explore this unique store filled with clothing, fabric, house wares, locally made food, hardware and tools.

Evening

It's experience of a lifetime! Meet the Yoder family, including grandma, dad and the kids, as they demonstrate Amish home cooking. No more lumps in your homemade mashed potatoes after tonight! Sit down to a traditional family-style Amish dinner including homemade apple pie, a seasonal favorite. Then hop aboard the family buggy for a ride down country lanes.

Day 4 - South Bend & Nappanee

Morning

A short drive to the neighboring city of South Bend provides a chance to step back in time. The newly remodeled Studebaker National Museum chronicles Studebaker's successful rise. Interactive learning stations and specialty exhibits showcase one-of-a-kind vehicles, including a 1934 Bendix and a 1956 Packard Predictor concept car. At nearby Copshaholm, the historic Oliver Mansion, tour elegantly decorated rooms filled with Oliver family furnishings and original works of art. Next door at the Northern Indiana Center for History, the Voyages Gallery traces Northern Indiana heritage from early settlers to modern day. Historic Tippecanoe Place, once the Studebaker family home, provides the perfect setting for a delicious lunch.

Afternoon

Time for a visit to the campus of the famous Fightin' Irish of Notre Dame! Your graduate student guide provides an up close and personal look inside campus landmarks including the Golden Dome, Basilica of the Sacred Heart and our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. Don't forget to stop by the 30,000 square foot bookstore for a souvenir! After your walking tour it's time for a treat - the Inside Scoop tour at the South Bend Chocolate Company.

Evening

Back in Amish Country, a traditional Amish haystack dinner is in store this evening at Amish Acres. First Love, a group of Amish yodelers, perform their unique and fun brand of entertainment.

Day 5 - Elkhart

Before leaving the area, take time to explore Amish Country's newest attraction - The Farmer's Market at American Countryside. The 51,000 square foot barn is the largest hand pegged timber building in the nation! More than 400 vendor booths showcase locally grown produce, handmade crafts and homemade foods. An international food court and group exclusive hands-on activities make this a "must see" for any group.



Rollin' on the River

Highlights

A river ride on a restored paddle boat

Tours of Ruthmere, one of "America's Castles" and a family owned piano factory

NEW! Shop over 400 booths filled with produce, crafts and foods at the American Countryside Farmers Market

NEW! Visit the state-of-the-art RV/MH Heritage Museum

An interactive and nostalgic dinner experience - the "1939 Radio Mystery Hour"

Day 1 - Elkhart & Middlebury

Afternoon

Sit back, relax and soak in the sites from aboard the Elkhart River Queen, a paddleboat that cruises on the St. Joseph River. While on board, the captain shares the history and highlights of Elkhart while passengers enjoy a tasty treat of Ritters Frozen Custard.

Evening

An evening of fun and laughs is on the agenda at the Patchwork Quilt Country Inn. Audience members are cast as supporting players in soap opera spoofs and commercials during the "1939 Radio Mystery Show." This interactive cabaret dinner show will have everyone singing along to favorites like "Blue Skies" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Day 2 - Elkhart

Morning

Learn how music is made at Walter Piano during a tour of one of the nation's only family owned piano makers. Elkhart is the RV Capital of the World making the newly expanded RV/MH Heritage Museum a can't miss tour experience. Colorful, three dimensional displays showcase vintage RVs and the latest innovations. Back at the coach, a step-on guide joins the group for a unique tour through the area's musical heritage. Afterwards sit down to authentic Italian cuisine at a family-owned restaurant in downtown Elkhart.

Afternoon

Take a step back in time at Ruthmere, a house museum. Once the centerpiece of Elkhart society, this beautiful 1908 Beaux Arts mansion has been lovingly restored. Tour lushly appointed rooms with period furnishings and fine arts such as Tiffany lamps and Rodin sculptures. Afterwards search for those hard to find treasures of days past at Hearts Desire Antique and Collectibles market.

Evening

After a full day head back to the hotel to freshen up a bit. Start the evening off with a wine tasting seminar lead by a local wine expert. The 1950s retro Alley Oops Diner serves up cheeseburgers, milkshakes and barbershop quartet entertainment.

Day 3 - Elkhart

Morning

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel then check out before visiting the Midwest Museum of American Art, home to the Midwest's largest permanent collection of Norman Rockwell paintings. Located in downtown Elkhart, the museum offers many special exhibits throughout the year. Visit the world's largest hand pegged timber barn and the area's newest attraction at your last stop. The American Countryside Farmers Market houses more than 400 local vendors offering fresh produce, handmade crafts and homemade foods. It's an ideal way to end your memorable trip to Amish Country!



Green Thumb Inspirations

Two Days/One Night

Highlights

Hands-on activities including make your own topiaries and herbal bath salts
A guided countryside garden home tour
Family-style dining at the famous Das Dutchman Essenhaus
NEW! Shop over 400 booths filled with produce, crafts and foods at the American Countryside Farmers Market

Day 1 - Goshen & Middlebury

Late Morning

Step into a gardeners' paradise at Ginger Valley Farms. Jodi Overmeyer, an Indiana accredited Master Plantsman offers seasonal seminars to groups on-site. Gardeners of all levels will enjoy strolling through the bountiful greenhouses and count-less acres on the farm. At the NEW American Countryside Farmers Market enjoy shopping and lunch at the international food court.

Afternoon

It's another gardening treat as Elkhart County Master Gardeners provide a seminar and demonstrations! Choose from a wide range of seasonal topics where group members may learn about ponding, fertilization, or winterizing.

Evening

Check into the hotel and freshen up before heading out to a delightful evening. First, The Chalet Party Shop hosts a fun wine tasting experience featuring temping tastes from vineyards far and near. At the famous Das Dutchman Essenhaus, a hearty all-you-can-eat family style meal is served up with Amish Country hospitality. Don't forget a piece of homemade pie for dessert - 29 varieties to choose from! Afterwards, choose one of Essenhaus' optional hands-on craft activities, shopping in the Essenhaus Village Shops or just relax in your room.

Day 2 - Middlebury & Goshen

Morning

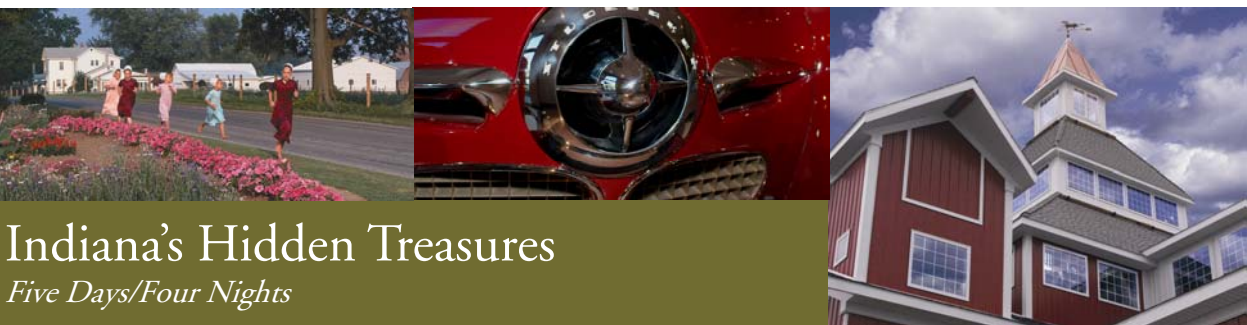
Enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel before spending some time in the great outdoors. Krider's Worlds Fair Garden is an exquisite park located in Middlebury, where gardeners from around the world have taken pleasure in its beauty since its crea-tion for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. As the morning rolls along, board the coach for a countryside garden tour. An expert gardener steps on the coach for a guided tour of some of the most beautiful roads in America. After the tour, visit the new Middlebury Historical Museum and stroll through the quaint downtown shops, including Varns and Hoover Hardware and The Cinnamon Stick, to find that perfect little treasure to take home.

Late Morning

Create a masterpiece to take home! Attend a fun hands-on class and learn how to create a beautiful spring topiary at Das Dutchman Essenhaus. After class, delicious Italian cuisine is served at family-owned Rulli's, a local favorite.

Afternoon

Take in some old world charm at the Old Bag Factory. The turn of the century factory is now home to several studios and shops where artists demonstrate such crafts as pottery, quilting, and furniture making. Learn about herbs and their uses at the countryside Prairie Trail Herb Farm. Allow time to stroll through the garden and greenhouse or to shop for a one-of-a-kind gift before making your own herbal bath salts.



Indiana's Hidden Treasures

Five Days/Four Nights

Highlights

NEW! Guided Brown Bag Tour to Amish owned countryside shop
Amish Acres guided tour, wagon ride, Thresher's Dinner and performance at the Round Barn Theatre
In-home Amish cooking class and meal
An "Inside Scoop" Tour at the South Bend Chocolate Factory
Guided walking tour of the historic University of Notre Dame

Day 1 - Goshen & Middlebury

Afternoon

Goshen's Old Bag Factory provides an opportunity to see artisans at work performing traditional crafts such as pottery and furniture making. The 1890 restored factory houses artisan shops, studios, and a coffee house.

Evening

After checking in at your host hotel, travel to Das Dutchman Essenhaus - Indiana's largest and friendliest family-style restau-rant. Kitchen Manager Connie Bowers shares fun facts on the restaurant and insider tips for preparing Essenhaus' homemade noodles. Sit down to a bountiful family-style dinner with all of the traditional Amish favorites including chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes, and homemade pie. Afterwards, choose one of Essenhaus' optional hands-on craft activities, shopping in the Essenhaus Village Shops or just relax in your room.

Day 2 - Middlebury & Nappanee

Morning

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and board the bus for a Brown Bag Tour of Amish Country. A step-on guide leads the way to Amish owned countryside shops, where each shopper receives a special gift for their brown bag. Lunchtime! Head to the Patchwork Quilt Country Inn for a bountiful buffet and award-winning desserts. The quaint century old farmhouse is situated in the peaceful and scenic countryside.

Afternoon and Evening

Experience the "simple way of life" at Amish Acres. Take a guided tour of the only Amish farm on the National Register of Historic Places and hop aboard a wagon ride. Stroll through the shops where you'll find Amish cake tester brooms and fresh fudge! Hungry yet? Amish Acres' hand-hewn Restaurant Barn is the spot for a traditional Threshers style dinner. Bean soup in iron kettles, vegetables, mashed potatoes, dressing and meat entrees are served family style. Top off the evening at the his-toric Round Barn Theatre. National home to *Plain and Fancy*, a story of Amish life and love, the theatre offers a repertoire of Broadway style musicals throughout the year.

Day 3 - Shipshewana

Morning

It's time to shop 'til you drop! More than 95 specialty shops await in Shipshewana's quaint downtown shopping district. The Shipshewana Flea Market, open May-October, is the Midwest largest outdoor flea market and a fun place to hunt for bargains on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Flea Market's antique auction barn is a flurry of activity on Wednesdays as 11 auctioneers simultaneously offer a variety of antique treasures for sale. Lunch is up to you - grab a bite at the flea market or one of the local downtown eateries.

Experience the *Flexible* Amish Country
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Day 3 - Wolcottville & Nappanee
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Evening

Gather in the hand-hewn Amish Acres Restaurant Barn to experience the award winning Thresher's Dinner. Overflowing bowls and platters filled with green beans, noodles, mashed potatoes, ham and other family-style favorites are passed around the table. Be sure to save room for Amish Acres famous Shoofly pie! At the historic Round Barn Theatre an evening performance of *Plain and Fancy* is on the bill. This sweet Amish love story plays year-round here in its national home theatre.

Day 4 - Elkhart & Middlebury

Morning

Spend your final day in Amish Country the way you want - choose your *flex time* option! Crafters can visit Das Dutchman Essenhaus for a hands-on topiary class. Historic downtown Middlebury is home to some unique shopping, including the 100 year old Varns and Hoover Hardware. The family owned Jayco RV offers one of the best factory tours in the area or swing a golf club on 18 exceptionally groomed championship caliber holes at Spring Meadow Golf Club. If relaxation sounds best - a professional in-room massage may be just the thing you're looking for!

Group Friendly Lodging

Amish Country offers many excellent choices for lodging, from franchise names you know and trust to one-of-a-kind inns. Below are just a few of the service focused hotels who meet the "group friendly" standard. Groups can expect to find welcome receptions, baggage handling, special rates, comp policies and other services tour planners ask for and enjoy. Call Sonya for a complete list of lodging facilities at 800.517.9657.



Elkhart

Country Inn and Suites - 50 rooms - indoor pool, fitness center, just off the Indiana Toll Road.
574.206.8488

Hampton Inn - 62 rooms - indoor pool, in-room Jacuzzis
- 574.264.2525

Ramada - 145 rooms - indoor/outdoor pools, restaurant/
bar - 574.262.1581

Jameson Inn - 123 rooms - outdoor pool, in-room
jacuzzis - 574.264.7222

Middlebury

Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center - 89 rooms -
574.825.9477, ext. 422

Goshen

Best Western - 76 rooms - restaurant - 574.533.0408

Courtyard by Marriott - 91 rooms - Indoor/outdoor
pools, bar - 574.534.3133

Holiday Inn Express - 74 rooms - indoor pool -
574.533.0200

Travelodge - 207 rooms - Indoor pool, in-room Jacuzzis,
bar - 574.533.9551

Nappanee

Inn at Amish Acres - 64 rooms - outdoor pool,
restaurant - 800.800.4942 ext. 240

Nappanee Inn - 66 rooms - outdoor pool, restaurant -
574.773.5999



Crisp Air and Country Flair
Three Days/One Night

Highlights

Fall activities including apple orchard and grist mill tours, pumpkin patch, wagon ride
A memorable in-home Amish cooking class and meal
Amish Acres Thresher's Dinner and a performance at the Round Barn Theatre

Day 1 - Goshen and Middlebury

Morning

Goshen's Old Bag Factory provides an opportunity to see artisans at work performing traditional crafts such as pottery and furniture making. The 1890 restored factory houses artisan shops, studios, a coffee house and the Trolley Café - caterer for today's light lunch.

Afternoon

It's time to explore Indiana's largest orchard, Sunrise Orchard. Learn about different types of apples, tree planting and the growing process. Sample freshly pressed cider while enjoying a hayride through the orchard. At Prairie Trail Herb Farm, learn about the growing and harvesting of herb gardens, then browse the gift shop and greenhouse.

Evening

It's the experience of a lifetime! Meet the Yoder family, including grandma, dad and the kids, as they demonstrate Amish home cooking. No more lumps in your homemade mashed potatoes after tonight! Sit down to a traditional family-style Amish dinner including homemade apple pie, a seasonal favorite. Then hop aboard the family buggy for a ride down country lanes. After dinner flex-time options include hands-on activities such as quilting and crafting or personal in-room massages.

Day 2 - Bristol and Nappanee

Morning

It's a crisp fall morning! Enjoy the beautiful foliage on the way to Bonneyville Mill Park, home to Indiana's oldest operating grist mill. Watch as millers grind flour by stone and water, purchase some for home, and enjoy a scenic nature walk. A step-on guide then provides a unique look at some of the area's oldest structures on the Barns and Centennial Farms tour.

Afternoon

At Nappanee's Borkholder Dutch Village, enjoy a lunch of homemade soups and sandwiches then shopping. Just down the road, Amish Acres Fall Harvest Days offers wagon rides, a pumpkin patch and fresh cider from the old-fashioned cider mill. Tour the only Amish farm listed on the National Register of Historic Places and learn about the heritage and history of the "Plain People." Groups can try their hand in the kitchen for a make-bake-n-take Shoofly pie - an Amish Acres' specialty.

Evening

Tonight, it's dinner and theatre at Amish Acres. The hand-hewn Restaurant Barn provides the perfect setting for the award-winning Threshers Dinner. In the historic Round Barn Theatre, a professional cast performs Broadway musical-style classics including *Plain and Fancy* - a story about Amish life and love.

Day 3 - Elkhart

Morning

Time to check out Amish Country's newest attraction - The American Countryside Farmers Market. Participate in a cooking demonstration in one of the on-site Whirlpool test kitchens. Choose from a variety of freshly made foods in the international food court at lunchtime.



Making Simple Memories

Three Days/Two Nights

Highlights

NEW! Guided Brown Bag Tour to Amish owned countryside shop
In-home Amish cooking class, meal and buggy ride
Amish Acres historic farm tour, wagon ride, Thresher’s Dinner and a performance at the Round Barn Theatre

Day 1 - Nappanee

Late Morning and Afternoon

Your adventure begins at Borkholder Dutch Village, the largest indoor craft and antiques mall in the area. The Dutch Kitchen is a great place to break from shopping, offering delicious lunch entrees and their renowned apple dumplings! Experience the “simple way of life” at Amish Acres. Take a guided tour of the only Amish farm on the National Register of Historic Places and hop aboard a wagon ride. Stroll through the shops where you’ll find Amish cake tester brooms and fresh fudge!

Evening

Hungry yet? Amish Acres’ hand-hewn Restaurant Barn is the spot for a traditional Threshers style dinner. Bean soup in iron kettles, vegetables, mashed potatoes, dressing and meat entrees are served family style. Top off the evening at the historic Round Barn Theatre. National home to *Plain and Fancy*, a story of Amish life and love, the theatre offers a repertoire of Broadway style musicals throughout the year.

Day 2 - Middlebury & Shipshewana

Morning

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and board the bus for a Brown Bag tour of Amish Country. A step-on guide leads the way to Amish owned countryside shops, where each shopper receives a special gift for their brown bag. As lunch time draws near, head off to a nearby Amish homestead for a traditional meal and an antique quilt trunk show by local quilt historian Rebecca Haarer.

Afternoon

It’s time to shop ‘til you drop! More than 95 specialty shops await in Shipshewana’s quaint downtown shopping district. The Shipshewana Flea Market, open May-October, is a fun place to hunt for a bargain on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Menno-Hof, relates the Amish/Mennonite story through interactive displays and knowledgeable guides.

Evening

Sit down to a bountiful family-style dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus. All of the traditional Amish favorites are served including chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes, and homemade pie. Afterwards, choose one of Essenhaus’ optional hands-on craft activities, shopping in the Essenhaus Village Shops or just relax in your room.

Day 3 - Goshen, Bristol, Middlebury & Elkhart

Morning

After a continental breakfast, head out to the countryside Prairie Trail Herb Farm for a hands-on class, “Herb 101.” Next, Bonneyville Mill Park, home to Indiana’s oldest operating grist mill, is the perfect spot to take pictures and purchase freshly ground flour. At the home business of Amish woodcrafter Lyle Helmuth, groups design and personalize a souvenir birdhouse.

Afternoon

A once in a lifetime experience awaits! Attend an Amish Cooking Class at the Yoder family home and learn how to make an authentic family-style meal. After a traditional sit down dinner, enjoy a ride in the family buggy. One last stop for shopping - load up with fresh produce, handmade crafts and homemade treats at the NEW American Countryside Farmers Market.



Experience the *Flexible* Amish Country

Four Days/Three Nights

Highlights

NEW! Flex time options that match your style or interest in Middlebury and Shipshewana
An interactive and nostalgic dinner experience - the 1939 Radio Mystery Hour
Step-on guided backroads tour stopping at several Amish owned countryside shops
Amish Acres guided tour, wagon ride, Thresher’s Dinner and performance at the Round Barn Theatre
In-home Amish cooking class and meal

Day 1 - Middlebury

Evening

An evening of fun and laughs is on the agenda at the Patchwork Quilt Country Inn. Audience members are cast as supporting players in soap opera spoofs and commercials during the “1939 Radio Mystery Show.” This interactive cabaret dinner show will have everyone singing along to favorites like “Blue Skies” and “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.”

Day 2 - Shipshewana & Middlebury

Morning

Start the day in Shipshewana. Choose a *flex time* option that matches your style or interest. Shoppers can browse more than 95 specialty shops in quaint turn-of-the-century storefronts. The famous Shipshewana Flea Market offers a different type of shopping - bargain hunting! If you are interested in the Amish people and their quiet way of life, Menno Hof’s guided tours tell the story of the Amish and Mennonite people.

Afternoon

Lunchtime! Head to the Patchwork Quilt Country Inn for a bountiful buffet and award-winning desserts. Don’t linger too long! A step on guide is ready to begin your customized tour of Amish Country. Visit Amish owned countryside shops where families take great pride in their work. Along the way enjoy a tasty treat at Rise and Roll Bakery, Yoder’s Popcorn or Deutsch Kase Haus.

Evening

Take a little break to freshen up before heading out for a once in a lifetime experience! The Yoder family shares the secrets of traditional Amish home cooking. Help prepare dinner and sit down along long wooden tables to enjoy your feast. An after dinner treat includes a ride down country lanes in the family buggy.

Day 3 - Wolcottville & Nappanee

Morning

Home, home on the range...hop on board a wagon for a scenic ride through Cook’s Bison Ranch. Feed the bison and learn about the natural habitat of the great American Buffalo. Then enjoy a traditional chuck wagon style lunch back at the ranch.

Afternoon

Create your own experience this afternoon with several *flex time* options. At Amish Acres, activity choices include on-site shopping, a guided farm tour, wagon ride or make and take your own Shoofly pie. Are you a hard core shopper? Borkholder Dutch Village offers 60,000 square feet of crafts, antiques and collectibles to explore. Or choose a behind-the-scenes look at how an RV is built in a factory tour of popular manufacturer Gulfstream. *(continued on next page)*